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## MS PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 3, 2003

Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a continuation-in-part application of Appl. No. 10/407,232 filed on April 7, 2003.

Inventor(s): TANNO, Fumio

For: FUEL CELL SEPARATOR AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURE

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of fourteen (14) pages
- ☒ One (1) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- ☒ Executed Declaration (☐ Original ☒ Photocopy)
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to NISSHINBO INDUSTRIES, INC.
- ☐ Certified copy of \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ Priority of application No(s). 2002-104685 filed in JAPAN on April 8, 2002 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on April 7, 2003.

- ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first sentence

--This application is a continuation-in-part of copending Application No. 10/407,232 filed on April 7, 2003, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120.--

- ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first sentence

--This application is a continuation-in-part of PCT International Application No. PCT/\_\_\_\_\_ that has an international filing date of \_\_\_\_\_ which designated the United States, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120.--

- ☐ An extension of time for \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) month(s) until \_\_\_\_\_, has been submitted in parent Application No. 10/407,232 in order to establish copendency with the present application.
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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Respectfully submitted,

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